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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: James Phan
Keiichiro ISHIHARA	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2872
Application No.: 09/696,000	)	
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Filed: October 26, 2000	)	
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For: OPTICAL SCANNING	)	February 6, 2004
APPARATUS, MULTI-BEAM	:	
OPTICAL SCANNING	)	
APPARATUS, AND	:	
IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS	)	

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks in the above-referenced application.